

## MERCED TO FRESNO

### REGIONAL FACTS

- › The project will create up to **100,000** construction-related jobs a year while the system is being built, and is expected to generate **up to 450,000 permanent** new jobs in the next 25 years.
- › Travel time between Merced and Los Angeles is estimated to be **1 hour and 40 minutes**.
- › The initial system is projected to attract **5,300** boardings daily in Merced and **4,500** in Fresno.

The Merced to Fresno section of California's high-speed train project – the largest public infrastructure project in the nation – is 60 miles long. It runs adjacent to existing railroad transportation corridors of the Union Pacific Railroad and/or Burlington Northern Santa Fe. Stations will be in the cities of Merced, where it will connect with the Merced to Sacramento section, and Fresno, where it will connect with the Fresno to Bakersfield section.



### Where Are We Now?

The high-speed train system is currently in the project-level environmental review process, which will lead to decisions establishing the specific track alignment for each section of the system. For this section:

- › Prepared scope of environmental review of Merced to Fresno high-speed rail project – **February-March 2009**
- › Developed and assessed alternatives and design options to be included in this project's formal EIR/EIS process – **May 2010**
- › Circulate project Draft EIR/EIS – **June 2011**
- › Federal and state governments formally adopt Merced to Fresno project – **February 2012**

Dates and milestones subject to change.

### CONNECTING CALIFORNIA

- › Creates jobs
- › A safe and easy way to travel
- › Environmentally responsible
- › Powered by electricity
- › Operating speeds: 125 mph - 220 mph
- › 800-mile system
- › Largest infrastructure project in the U.S. to stimulate economy

